(b) what is Government's reaction each of the recommendations of the sub-committee; and

(c) if the report has not been submitted/examined by Government so far, what interim measures have been taken by Government in accordance with the aims of the sub-committee and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) In pursuance of Authority Resolution No. 87 dated 10-8-87 a sub-committee was constituted on 25-9-1987 to suggest ways and means to reduce the expenditure on establishment in DDA. The Committee has not yet submitted its report. No time limit has been prescribed to submit the report.

(c) Vice-Chairman has started

(i) personal reviews of various wings for locating surplus employees.

(ii) The surplus staff would be diverted to the new projects to avoid fresh recruitment.

(iii) orders for economy in expenditure have been issued.

(iv) economy in the use of petrol in the vehicles is strictly observed. Repair of staff cars jeeps is being minimised.

Rise in the prices of essential commodities

1700. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of price rise in the consumer prices of essential commodities from 31st March, 1987 to 31st October, 1987 and from 31st October, 1987 to 31st January, 1988;

(b) what was the rise in the same periods in each of the three previous years;

(c) what was this rise in the same periods mentioned above for the cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Jammu; and

(d) consumer prices of the commodities controlled by Administration as on January 31, 1988 and also in 1986 and 1987 on the same date?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Available information is given in the attached Statement-I [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 67.]

(d) Available information is given in the attached Statement-II [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 68.]

Production of vegetable oils and cooking oils in the country

1701. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vegetable oil and cooking oil producing mils in the country state-wise till January, 1988;

(b) the total production of vegetable oils and cooking oils in the country during the last two years;

(c) the total requirement of vegetable and cooking oils in the country; and

(d) the quantum and value of vegetable oils imported during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).